

6. East San Gabriel Valley: A, B, C, D			
Criteria Letter	Criteria Description	Criteria Met	Reason SEA meets Criteria
A	The habitat of core populations of endangered or threatened plant or animal species.	Yes	This SEA contains habitat which supports a core population-of the federally threatened California gnatcatcher, in the eastern San Gabriel Valley. This population has been recently observed in coastal sage scrub at two locations in the area, Bonelli Park and Buzzard Peak. At both locations, surveys over multiple years indicate that this population has been increasing in numbers. Currently, it is believed that there are between ten and fifteen pairs of gnatcatchers in this population. A Glendora Community area preserves the federally threatened, state endangered bulb plant, Brodiaea filifolia.
B	On a regional basis, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	Yes	Several plant communities within this SEA are CDFG highest inventory priority communities due to their restricted distribution in the Southern California region. These communities include: walnut woodlands which are scattered throughout the components of this SEA; oak riparian woodland which is best expressed within the Walnut Creek drainage; isolated stands of willow woodland along many of the drainages in the Bonelli/Walnut Creek Parks and Buzzard Peak components; freshwater marsh and open water found primarily in association with Puddingstone Reservoir; and coastal sage scrub, which also serves as the habitat for the California gnatcatcher, found in scattered patches over hillsides within the South Hills, Bonelli/Walnut Parks, Via Verde and Buzzard Peak components.
C	Within Los Angeles County, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	Yes	All of the plant communities and habitats indicated above as restricted in distribution on a regional basis, are also restricted in distribution within Los Angeles County.
D	Habitat that at some point in the life cycle of a species or group of species,	Yes	Any relatively large body of water with pockets of natural lakeside vegetation

	<p>serves as concentrated breeding, feeding, resting, migrating grounds and is limited in availability either regionally or in Los Angeles County.</p>		<p>along its shoreline potentially meets this criteria, particularly within the context of an arid to semiarid environment, characteristic of Los Angeles County. Although subjected to boating activities and shoreline recreational use, Puddingstone Reservoir serves as an important habitat for migrating water fowl and water birds, evident in the high diversity of birds recorded at the park over the past several years.</p>
E	<p>Biotic resources that are of scientific interest because they are either an extreme in physical/geographical limitations, or represent unusual variation in a population or community.</p>	No	<p>The SEA does not contain biotic resources that are clearly an extreme in physical/geographical limitations, or represent unusual variation in a population or community and therefore does not meet this criterion. Bonelli Park does contain a population of the rare Many-stemmed Dudleya, which is at the northern limit of its range. Most of the species is found in the Peninsular Ranges in Orange County.</p>
F	<p>Areas that would provide for the preservation of relatively undisturbed examples of the original natural biotic communities in Los Angeles County.</p>	No	<p>The SEA has been impacted by extensive development and chiefly has remnants of unique but diminished habitat for Los Angeles County.</p>